

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 22**  
**INCIDENT NO. 96-37**  
**DATE: July 23, 1996 TIME: 2:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flood. (Separate situation reports are being issued for Devils Lake, Incident #96-01.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The U.S. Farm Service Agency has announced that the 33 disaster-declared counties and 12 contiguous counties are eligible for the agency's Emergency Loan Program as a result of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration, FEMA-1118-DR-ND. The 12 contiguous counties are Adams, Bottineau, Dunn, Hettinger, Mercer, Mountrail, Renville, Rolette, Sioux, Stark, Towner, and Ward. The deadline for Emergency Loan Program applications is February 7, 1997.

N.D. Emergency Management staff members are conducting an assessment in LaMoure, Logan, and McIntosh Counties to identify potential flooding problems that may occur during the spring of 1997. Areas of concern include potential for isolation of rural families and to minimize damages from the spring runoff.

A meeting was conducted by the Mayor of Spiritwood Lake City on July 19 to discuss options for dealing with the nine-foot rise that has occurred in the lake level since 1992. The 65 participants included representatives of the Spiritwood City Council, Spiritwood Lake Association, the Audubon Society, N.D. State Water Commission, N.D. Department of Health, N.D. Game and Fish Department, Stutsman County Commission, Central Valley Health Unit, Stutsman County Emergency Management, Stutsman County Water Resource Board, landowners, and representatives of the N.D. Congressional Delegation.

Damage Survey Report (DSR) inspections have been completed in 18 counties, Burleigh, Dickey, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grant, LaMoure, Logan, McLean, McIntosh, Morton, Oliver, Pierce, Ransom, Sargent, Sheridan, Steele, and Wells Counties.

As of July 23, 582 DSR inspections had been shipped to the Regional Processing Center in Denver, Colorado. The DSR inspections included Emmons, Grant, Oliver, Ransom, and Sheridan Counties, and the cities of Bathgate, Carrington, Enderlin, Forman, Fort Ransom, Glenfield, Grace City, Kief, Lieth, Lincoln, Lisbon, Marion, McHenry, New Rockford, Pingree, and Walhalla. Other applicants include the Grant County Fair Board, Grant County Historical Society, Lincoln Park District, Pingree-Buchanan Public School, and the James Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

As of July 23, 188 Notice of Interest Applications for public assistance had been approved as eligible applicants. Of the applicants, 10 are from State agencies, 16 from private non-profit organizations, and 162 from local governments.

Thirty representatives from 18 State and Federal agencies attended a joint Federal/State Hazard Mitigation meeting July 18 at the Disaster Field Office. Representatives discussed funding and technical assistance offered by their agencies, status reports on current projects, potential projects, and successful mitigation projects.

FEMA and North Dakota Emergency Management are currently conducting hazard mitigation application briefings throughout the state. These briefings highlight the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the application process, and the advent of local mitigation plans. HMGP funds will be made available through the 1996 Presidential Major Disaster Declaration. The schedule for briefings is July 22 in Devils Lake, July 23 in Grand Forks and Fargo, and July 24 in Jamestown and Bismarck.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Emmons County officials reported large hail and damaging winds on July 10. Marble-size hail and up to four inches of rain fell in Rolette County on July 14. The two storms caused crop damages.

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Douglas C. Friez, State Director